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SUBJ: NEW FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL WILL VISIT WASHINGTON FEBRUARY

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1. NEW FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EDOUARD SAOUMA TELEPHONED U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO TO SAY HE PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON FEBRUARY 23 EN ROUTE TO UN HEADQUARTERS MEETING ON RESTRUCTURING OF UNITED NATIONS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24. HE WISHES TO SEE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ, AND WILL BE SENDING HIM PERSONAL LETTER VIA AMERICAN EMBASSY ROME. HE ALSO WISHES TO SEE APROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OFFICIALS AND ADMINISTRATOR PARKER OF AID,IF PARKER WISHES, HE RECALLED COMPACT BUT HIGHTLY SATISFACTORY VISIT HE PAID IN WASHINGTON LAST SEPTEMBER (ROME 11727) WHEN HE WAS CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR-GENERAL POST. TIME WILL BE SLIGHTLY TIGHTER THIS TIME, BECAUSE HE WISHES TO SEE MCNAMARA OF IBRD SAME DAY, BEFORE PROCEEDING TO NEW YORK. DON KIMMEL OF FAO LIAISON OFFICE WASHINGTON WILL COORDINATE SCHEDULE.

2. SAOUMA SAID THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST VISIT TO FOREIGN COUNTRY SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE,AND HE BELIEVES IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT IT IS TO UNITED STATES BECAUSE OF PARTICULAR U.S.IMPORTANCE TO
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FAO,NOT IN FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS SO MUCH AS IN GENERAL

COOLABORATION.

3. SAOUMA'S SON'S DESIRE TO ATTEND CORNELL UNIVERSITY (WITH WHICH DR. DON PAARLBERG OF AGRICULTURE IS FAMILIAR) IS BEING FULFILLED. HE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY CORNELL AND HAS SENT BACK HIS ACCEPTANCE FORMS. VOLPE

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